THE 55TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION
&
SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2017 Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa (AEASA) will be hosted by the KwaZulu-Natal Branch from the 19th-21st September 2017 at the Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel on Durban’s famous Golden Mile - the spectacular 6km long sandy beach and promenade that is amongst Durban’s main tourist attractions. The Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani is one of Durban’s landmark hotels and amongst its premier conferencing venues. Besides its extraordinary views of the Indian Ocean and fantastic beach access, it is also located in close proximity to other tourist attractions including Africa’s largest marine theme park, uShaka Marine World, as well the Suncoast Casino and the iconic Moses Mabida Stadium.

This theme of this year’s Conference is “ADDRESSING CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY”. It invites us to explore the contributions of agricultural economists to addressing contemporary challenges in the sector. Sub-themes that will be addressed in plenary sessions of the Conference include:

- Land reform
- Employment in agriculture
- The future availability and use of water in agriculture
- Expansion of commercial agriculture and agribusiness

The Conference programme contains a stimulating mix of invited papers, contributed papers, panel discussions, mini-symposia, and a poster session. It is designed to appeal beyond academia to agricultural economists in the public and private sectors, farm managers and agribusiness practitioners. The social functions, including a cocktail party, a braai and a gala dinner, will provide ample opportunity for renewing old acquaintances, making new friends and networking.
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference registration will open on 12th June 2017 and will close on 1st September 2017.

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Please note that:

- Full Registration for the conference includes R500 for AEASA membership and electronic subscription to Agrekon. Subscriptions for hard copies of Agrekon will be charged an additional R100 per copy.
- Full Conference registration includes lunches, teas, and attendance at the evening social functions on each of the three days of the conference. Day delegates are entitled to lunch, teas, and to attend the evening function(s) only on the day(s) for which they are registered to attend the Conference. Workshop Only delegates may attend lunch prior to workshops/symposia, one of the symposia/workshops, and the evening braai on Wednesday 20th September. An additional fee will be levied for Conference delegates who would like their partner to accompany them to social functions at the Conference.
- Conference registration is free for Honorary Members of AEASA.

Durban’s Golden Mile has many hotels that cater for a wide range of tastes and budgets. For all accommodation bookings and enquiries, please contact Gill Slaughter at Turners’ Conferences (email: gills@turnersconferences.co.za). For any other information, please refer to the AEASA website, or contact the 2017 Conference Organising Committee at aeasaconference2017@gmail.com.
SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS
We invite submissions for contributed papers and posters under the following categories;

**Category 1: Contributed papers**

Forty contributed papers will be selected for oral presentation at the Conference based on the results of a blind review process. The top three scoring contributed papers, based on results of the blind review process, will be “upgraded” and presented in a plenary session of the conference. The “upgraded” papers will be considered for the **AEASA BEST CONTRIBUTED PAPER AWARD**. Other contributed papers accepted for oral presentation will be presented in parallel sessions. Contributed papers not accepted for oral presentations will be considered for presentation as poster papers; however, such posters will not be eligible for AEASA’s Best Poster Paper Competition.

1. **SUBMISSION:**
   1.1. Contributed papers should be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word documents **on or before Monday 26th June 2017** to the following e-mail address: Cuenod@ukzn.ac.za and copied to aeasaconference2017@gmail.com.
   1.2. Papers must be written in English and must not exceed 6000 words (excluding the cover page and abstract).
   1.3. Each paper must include a cover page with the name(s) of the author(s) and their affiliation(s), and contact details of the corresponding author.
   1.4. The words ‘PhD Competition’ must be inserted on the cover page above the title for contributed papers eligible for the new AEASA PhD Competition. Contributed papers are eligible for the PhD Competition if, and only if;
      1.4.1. The main author is currently registered for PhD studies in Agricultural Economics, or a related discipline, or if he or she has recently completed a PhD in Agricultural Economics or a related discipline;
      1.4.2. The affiliation(s) of the main author reflect which University he/she is/was registered for PhD studies; and
      1.4.3. The paper presents research conducted towards the main author’s PhD.
   1.5. Each paper must include an abstract of not more than 250 words.
   1.6. References, Tables and Figures must comply with Agrekon requirements, which are obtainable from the AEASA website and published Agrekon journals.
   1.7. It is implicit in submitting a contributed paper manuscript to the 2017 AEASA Conference in Durban that;
      1.7.1. The manuscript has not been published previously,
      1.7.2. The manuscript meets ethical standards applicable to the discipline of Agricultural Economics, and
      1.7.3. All authors have read the manuscript and agreed to its submission to the 2017 AEASA Conference.
   1.8. **By submitting contributed paper abstracts, the authors understand that, if their paper is accepted for oral presentation at the Conference, one or more of the authors will personally present the paper at the Conference and that such authors are liable to pay the full conference registration fee.**

   Please note that contributed paper manuscripts submitted late (i.e., after 26th June 2017) and those that do not adhere to the above guidelines will **NOT** be accepted for presentation at the conference. The corresponding authors will be notified of acceptance of their manuscripts by 31st July 2017.

2. **PRESENTATION:**
   2.1. All contributed papers accepted for presentation will be allocated 25 minutes per paper for oral presentation and discussion.
   2.2. All presentations should be prepared using Microsoft PowerPoint®.
**Category 2: Poster papers**

Poster papers are encouraged by AEASA as an effective means of presenting information. In particular, posters are an ideal means to present exciting preliminary research findings as well as “Practical Success Stories”, in which authors are encouraged to share examples of ideas and innovations that have resulted in positive, practical outcomes in the workplace. Poster papers abstracts will go through a blind review process to determine suitability for presentation at the Conference. Poster papers accepted for presentation at the Conference will be presented in a Poster Session. All eligible poster papers presented at the Conference will be considered for the **AEASA BEST POSTER PAPER AWARD**.

1. **SUBMISSION:**
   1.1. Abstracts of poster papers should be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word documents **on or before Monday 26th June 2017** to the following e-mail address: Cuenod@ukzn.ac.za and copied to aeasaconference2017@gmail.com.
   1.2. The abstracts must be written in English and must not exceed 250 words (excluding the cover page).
   1.3. Each poster paper abstract must include a cover page with the name(s) of the author(s) and their affiliation(s), and contact details of the corresponding author.
   1.4. The word 'Poster' must be inserted on the cover page above the title.
   1.5. References, Tables and Figures must comply with Agrekon requirements.
   1.6. It is implicit in submitting a poster paper abstract to the 2017 AEASA Conference in Durban that:
      1.6.1. The poster has not been presented previously, and is not presently being considered for presentation elsewhere,
      1.6.2. The research described in the poster meets ethical standards applicable to the discipline of Agricultural Economics, and
      1.6.3. All authors of the poster paper have read the abstract and agreed to its submission to the 2017 AEASA Conference.
   1.7. **By submitting poster paper abstracts, the authors understand that, if their poster is accepted for presentation at the Conference, one or more of the authors will personally present the poster at the conference and that such authors are liable to pay the full conference registration fee.**

   Please note that poster paper abstracts submitted late (i.e., after 26th June 2017) and those that do not adhere to the above guidelines will **NOT** be accepted for presentation at the conference. The corresponding authors will be notified of acceptance of their abstracts by 31st July 2017.

2. **PRESENTATION:**
   2.1. Poster board space will be available for each poster accepted for presentation at the Conference.
   2.2. Posters should measure 1180mm by 840mm (A0 page size) with portrait orientation.
   2.3. Note that in addition to good scientific content, for an effective display a poster must satisfy three basic criteria: it must be attractive, well organised and self-explanatory.
   2.4. Authors must set up their own posters at the start of the conference and remove them at the end of the Conference. Double sided mirror tape will be provided to mount posters on the poster boards.
   2.5. The Conference programme will include a time slot for a poster presentation session, during which authors of posters must be available to answer questions about their poster. Authors will also be required to do a short (5 minute) presentation that describes what is contained in the poster.
   2.6. Commercial promotion is not permitted in contributed poster papers.